

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is clearly an attempt to sway the election by airing what amounts to an 90 minute infomercial which benefits the Republican candidate free of charge, the equivalent of an illegal campaign contribution.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve all of the public interest, not to act as a propaganda machine to unfairly sway public opinion by airing partisan viewpoints that benefit only those who agree with them.

If Sinclair is allowed to air this program as announced, then they should be required to air an opposing viewpoint immediately following, such as "Going Upriver" or "Farinheit 9-11".

Sinclair's actions show complete contempt for the FCC and the laws that are designed to make sure that media serves all of the people, and is just another reason why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.